

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 for a pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 3727–3736; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 501 were introduced. **Page H9945**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H9945–46**

Reports Filed:

Two reports were filed:

H.R. 3029, to reduce the size of the Federal workforce through attrition, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–334) and

H. Res. 502, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 3630) to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 501) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding any final measure to extend the payroll tax holiday, extend Federally funded unemployment insurance benefits, or prevent decreases in reimbursement for physicians who provide care to Medicare beneficiaries; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–335). **Page H9945**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H9932**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Provide for the placement of a statue or bust of Sir Winston Churchill in the United States Capitol: H. Res. 497, to provide for the placement of a statue or bust of Sir Winston Churchill in the United States Capitol. **Pages H9940–43**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Instructing the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures: Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 2056, to instruct the Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to study the impact of insured depository institution failures; **Pages H9933–36**

Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1801, to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces; **Pages H9936–37**

Protecting the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1059, to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports; and **Pages H9937–38**

Belarus Democracy and Human Rights Act of 2011: Concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 515, to reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004. **Pages H9938–40**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 11:02 p.m. **Page H9943**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H9931–32.

Senate Referrals: S. 1710 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 1959 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and S. 1874 was held at the desk. **Page H9944**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea-and-Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TO EXTEND THE PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING ANY FINAL MEASURE TO EXTEND THE PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY, EXTEND FEDERALLY FUNDED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS, OR PREVENT DECREASES IN REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHYSICIANS TO PROVIDE CARE TO MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes; and H. Res. 501, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding any final measure to extend the payroll tax holiday, extend Federally funded unemployment insurance benefits, or prevent decreases in reimbursement for physicians to provide care to Medicare beneficiaries. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8 to 4, a rule making in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House disagree to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3630 and request a conference with the Senate thereon without question of consideration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and

ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 2 provides a closed rule for H. Res. 501 without question of consideration. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the resolution. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Section 3 of the rule provides that during consideration of a motion to instruct conferees pending their appointment to a conference on H.R. 3630, the previous question shall be considered as ordered to its adoption without intervening motion except one hour of debate under clause 7(b) of rule XXII. Such motion shall be considered as read and shall not be subject to any question of consideration.

Section 4 of the rule provides that during consideration of a motion specified in section 1 or 3 of this resolution, the Chair may—(a) notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, postpone further consideration of the motion to such time as may be designated by the Speaker as though under clause 1(c) of rule XIX; and (b) postpone the question of adoption of the motion as though under clause 8 of rule XX.

Section 5 of the rule provides that the requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of January 17, 2012.

Finally, Section 6 of the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time through the calendar day of January 15, 2012, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1(c) of rule XV.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.